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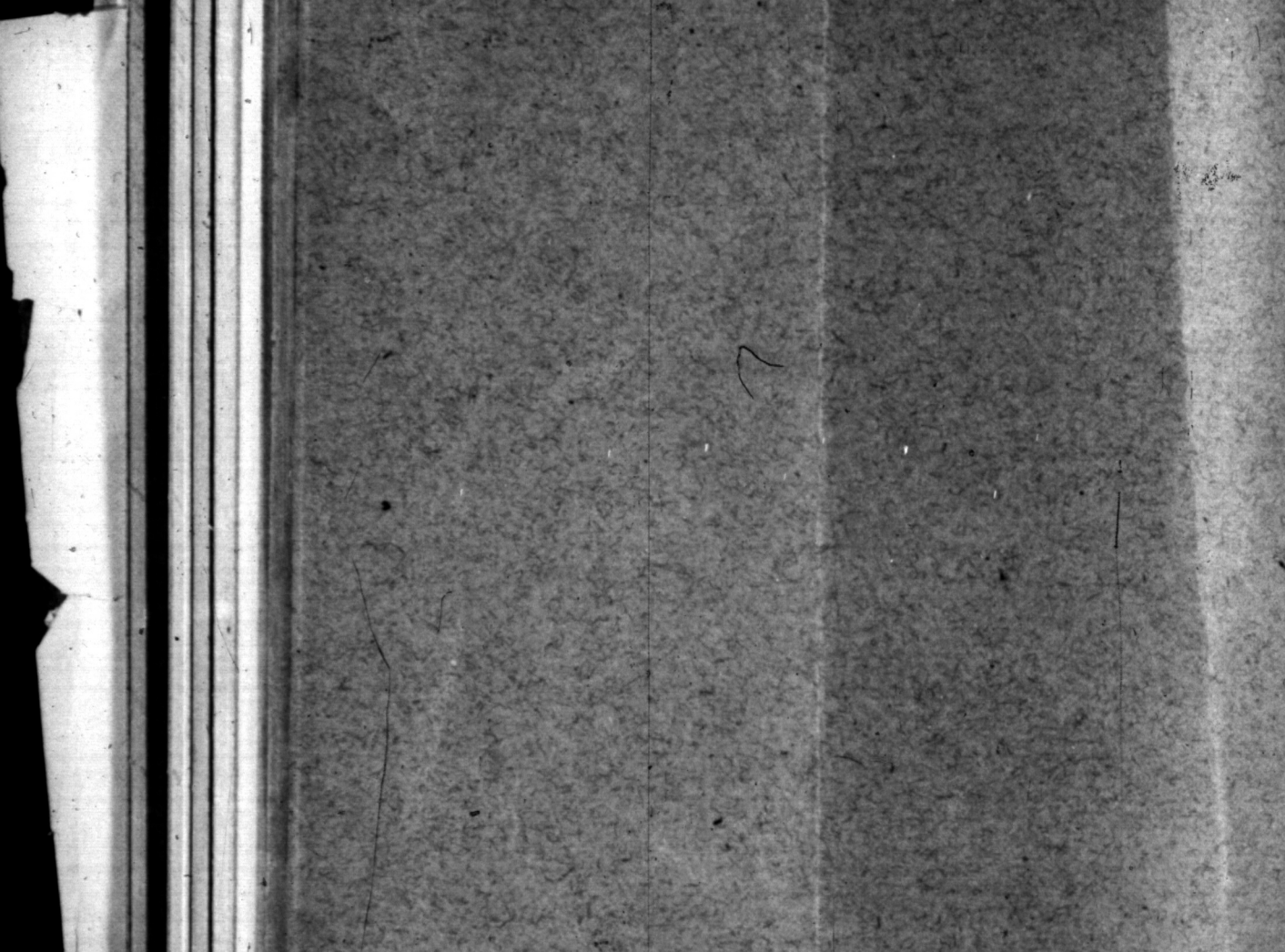
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PROCEEDINGS

Jefferson Davis County Baptist Association, met this day with Antioch Church in its ninth annual session at the appointed hour with its officers present, viz: A. H. Dale, Moderator, L. C. Burkett, Treasurer, and J. W. Burrow, Clerk

After singing several songs, prayers by Brother J. O. Buckley, and by request of the moderator, Brother C. W. Black conducted the devotional exercises, reading for the morning lesson some verses from the 12th Chapter 2nd Peter, prayer by Brother D. M. Nelson.

The Moderator called the Association to order and appointed the following brethren as a committee on Finance, viz:
J. H. Johnston, S. T. Hood and I. E. Fortenberry

Brethren J. O. Buckley, and W. C. Black were appointed to read the associational church letters.

The letter from each church in the association was called for and read, the clerk enrolled the names of the messengers present from each church as follows, viz:

ANTIOCH—R. H. Polk, Percy Polk, W. D. Turnage and N. L. McNease.

BETHANY—J. O. Buckley, J. C. Burket, J. J. Chancee and J. W. Burrow.

BASSFIELD—L. C. Burkett, R. M. Thompson, B. O. Thompson and J. P. Dear.

CARSON—E. M. Worthy, D. Vinson and W. H. Izard.

EBENEZER—S. T. Hood, F. A. Hothorn, I. W. Allen.

HEBRON—A. H. Dale, S. B. Bishop, J. H. Johnston, W. C. Hutchins, J. D. Damper and Lee Hutchins and S. L. Walker.

HEBZIBAH—J. H. Fortenberry, J. L. Speights, I. E. Fortenberry, Geo. Daniels.

HATHORN—J. W. Stamps.

OAKGROVE—H. H. Bozeman, J. P. Mikell.

PRENTISS—J. A. Lee, J. N. Sutton, G. L. Martin and J. C. Polk.

PHALTI—H. D. Boothe, Reed Polk, Breland Parish.

SOCIETY HILL—H. C. Williamson, F. W. Langston, Fleet Parkman.

VICTORY—J. E. Coulter, W. T. Morgan and C. E. Coulter.

WHITESAND—D. W. Weathersby, R. B. Dale, J. B. Stamps and C. V. Sutton.

Petitionary letters called for: None presented.

On motion, the rules of the association were suspended and the present officers elected by acclamation.

By request Broher C. H. Mize led in a special prayer for the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit during the session.

Received correspondence as follows: Prof. D. M. Nelson, Secretary Education Commission; W. W. Kyzer, Enlistment Secretary; J. E. Byrd, representing State Board; J. J. Walker, County Missionary.

Messengers present from other associations: Brethren B. E. Phillips, C. H. Mize and D. M. Lee from Lawrence County Association; W. C. Black and J. P. Williams from Simpson County Association; W. R. Beckett of Covington County Association; B. E. Berry from Norfolk and Portsmouth Association of Va., and A. D. Muse of Clinton.

On motion the following was adopted: Resolved that any member of this association who is in good standing with his church is hereby authorized to represent this association in any of the fraternal bodies with which we correspond.

On motion, the Moderator was authorized to appoint such committees as he deemed necessary.

The following brethren were appointed as a committee on Nominations: C. V. Sutton, Solon Walker and J. H. Fortenberry.

The Pastor and Deacons of this church were appointed as a committee on devotional exercises.

On motion, further business of the Association was suspended to listen to the preaching of the Associational Ser-

mon, the sermon was preached by Rev. J. A. Lee, using as a text Acts: 1-8 verse. Prayer by Brother B. E. Philips.

After announcements, on motion recessed until 1:30 P. M.

Benediction by Brother W. W. Kyzer.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional song service, prayer by Brother W. R. Beckett.

The Association was called to order and ready for the transaction of business.

The following resolution on "Social Evils" was offered and read by Brother J. O. Buckley on motion was adopted as follows:

SOCIAL EVILS

Whereas, our Baptist churches must stand at all times and in all places for modesty in manners and customs of their members, and whereas, it is our belief that when necessary we should make known our idea and ideal of modesty, manners and customs of our people, and whereas, it is a matter of common knowledge that the game of basket ball as played, calls for costumes that leave a large portion of the bodies of the players nude, and that said costumes are usually of very light material so that the forms of the players are too often not properly covered, and it further appears to be a custom of growing magnitude that young men and young women are swimming together, all lightly clad in bathing suits:

Therefore be it resolved that The Jeff Davis County Baptist Association in convention assembled, do hereby condemn the use of such uniforms and call upon our people to refrain from the use of them and to see to it that when our young people shall play this game they shall use such uniforms as will more properly cover their bodies, both as to length of sleeves and length of legs and a heavier material.

That we condemn the practice of boys and girls, men and women bathing together and call upon our people to refrain from this evil practice, that we appeal to parents to teach their children the evil of such practice.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to each of our Baptist Colleges in Mississippi and ask that they be read to the student body, that a copy be sent to our county paper for publication also to the Baptist Record.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. BUCKLY.

Brother C. V. Sutton read the report on Denominational Schools, and was spoken to by him, D. M. Nelson and J. P. Williams, on motion the report was adopted as follows:

DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS

Your committee on Denominational Schools beg leave to submit the following report:

As we think of Denominational School we think of Baptist Colleges that is owned and controlled by the Baptists of the State all of which are doing a great work crowded each year to their full capacity and over Your committee believes that we should make room for as many as may desire to go. I will lay special stress upon the importance of a Christian College to train our young people because just at that age many of our young people are experiencing a period of doubt; their ideals and purposes are not firmly fixed at that age. I think it makes much difference what the environments are Brethren, a life is at stake and Oh! how much good a Christian can and will do and how much harm an educated demon will do. We learn from statistics that about 85 per cent of our ministers, missionaries and Christian leaders come from Christian schools. Just here I want to venture to say that our schools here in this county can be and should be controlled by Christian teachers. Start our children in the right way means a great deal the way they will go. I believe we ought to equip with convenient and comfortable and roomy building and make a christian education in easier reach of the poorer people. I also believe that our leaders ought to less stress on athletics and public swimming pools. Of course our 75 million campaign provides the funds for our Christian School. I will urge that we all fully pay our pledges that our schools may not be embarrassed in a financial way and lest we forget let me say again Brethren that have charge of the funds, use it for the poor boys and girls that want a Christian education and not a public swimming pools for when the common people are aware that they are the Devils' modern up-to-date 20 century snares catching and carrying people to hell by the thousands, and I will say equally as much for ball games and close.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. V. SUTTON

Brother W. W. Kyzer read the report on Laymen's Work and was spoken to by Brother J. E. Byrd, on motion the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON LAYMEN'S WORK

The Laymen's Missionary Movement appeals to laymen from the Layman's standpoint to give themselves faithfully and loyally to the advancement of the cause of Christ. It urges business men to pray daily, study diligently, plan wisely, serve zealously, and give generously in all the work of the kingdom. It pleads for more religion in business and more business in religion. It stresses the doctrine of Christian stewardship, advocating that God holds a supreme claim on our time, our talent, and our substance. Its missionary ideal is expressed in these words: "It is the whole duty of the whole church to preach the whole gospel to the whole world."

ORGANIZATION. The organization for the Laymen's Work in Mississ-

lpp) consists of an Executive Committee of five strong laymen with headquarters at Jackson, and a county chairman of laymen's work in each county who is an ex-officio member of the State Committee. This organization seeks to find and develop dependable laymen in each church who will undertake to carry out in the church all plans and programs designed to enlist and develop the churches and the church members.

ACTIVITIES. The interest and activity of our laymen in all the work of the kingdom have been greatly stimulated as a result of the 75 Million Campaign. Men are attending church services in larger numbers than ever before, large classes of men are found in nearly all of our Sunday School; capable laymen are taking a leading part in all our denominational programs.

TITHING CAMPAIGN The biggest thing before our laymen at this time in the campaign now on throughout the South for one-half million tithers. The plan provides for a State Steering Committee of seven members, composed of the Chairman of the Laymen's Committee of the state, Corresponding Secretary of the State Convention Board, Corresponding Secretary of the W. M. U., State Secretary of the B. Y. P. U., State Secretary of the S. S. Work, a representative pastor and an enlistment missionary.

Each county will be organized along the same lines and the county organization will undertake to organize every church for securing a definite number of tithers. The plan provides for a round-up week including two Sundays from November 27 to December 4. Every church will be expected to secure a number of tithers equal to one sixth of its membership or 16 2-3 per cent of the church enrollment. Better developed churches will be expected to secure a considerably larger number. The quota for Mississippi is 30,000.

Literature and other information in reference to the tithing campaign will be thoroughly distributed from the headquarters in Jackson. **RECOMMENDATION.** Your committee recommends that this association endorse the tithing campaign and undertake within the bounds of the association to secure a number of tithers equal to at least one-sixth of the total membership of the association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. KYZER.

After announcements, on motion adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9:30. Prayer by Brother J. J. Walker.

SECOND DAY — MORNING SESSION

Devotional song service, prayer by Brother J. P. Williams, and by request Brother J. J. Walker conducted the devotional exercises, reading for the morning lesson some verses from the 4th Chapter of John.

Prayer by Brother J. L. Low.

Brother L. C. Burkett read the report on Ministerial Relief and was discussed by J. P. Williams and J. A. Lee. On motion the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

If we believe what we profess in this matter of Ministerial Relief, we will realize that the minister who has come to his day of retirement or who for any reason has become disabled, is in every way worthy of our sympathy, prayer, and financial support.

The same spirit of a Christ like love should manifest itself in our interest in their widows and orphan children.

When we consider the great sacrifice made by these men and women in laying the foundation for the work of Christ in this State, surely they should receive our hearty support in their declining years.

We repeat here what has been said before — That the Convention Board located in Dallas, known as The Relief and Annuity Board has taken over the work of the States.

Our information is, the Board has now a beneficiary list of between seven and eight hundred. Others are being added from month to month. The stipends of the beneficiaries who have been transferred to us from the States have, in the most part, been increased from 40 to 60 per cent and in some instances as much as 100 per cent. While we have made great strides since the organization of the new Convention Board in giving aid and comfort to the disabled and retired ministers, we are just beginning to do what we should. Our aim should be to persuade our people to say to the ministers in active service to day; "Give yourself whole heartedly to work, spend yourself freely; be not afraid; we do not pay you just the salaries that we should but this we do, at least, solemnly promise, we will stand back of you; if you fail in the work, we will care for you; if you die we will not permit your family to suffer; if you grow old in it, we will comfort your declining years." Just that and nothing short of it should be the attitude of our great denomination to its ministry, and every one of our young preachers should feel that the denomination has spoken to him, and that he can accept its word at par.

If we could say that so as to carry conviction to the men of hard fields, and the small salary, we should put new life in them, we should greatly increase their efficiency, and the denomination would be the real beneficiary.

Respectfully Submitted,
Committee.

Mrs. J. A. Lee read the report on Woman's Work, and discussed by her and W. W. Kyzer, on motion the report was adopted as follows:

ASSOCIATIONAL REPORT ON WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

Your Committee begs leave to submit the following report on Woman's Work:

The W. M. U. is composed of the following Organizations: Woman's Missionary Society, Young Womans' Auxilliary, Girls' Auxilliary, Royal Ambassadors for boys and Sunbeams for little folks

The Union sets for itself five definite aims: Stewardship, Service, Study, Supplication and Soul-Winning.

Our women are learning that Stewardship involves far more than the meeting of our Campaign pledges, church expenses or giving of any material substance like money. Yet these matters are being stressed as of very special importance; so much that while our first year was

regarded as "Victory" year in the Campaign and our second year as "Loyalty" year, this is looked upon as the "Sacrificial" year by the W. M. U. Our women are stressing the fact that aside from the giving of money we must needs give time, strength, heart and interest to needy lives and worthy causes

Service of intensely personal nature expends itself by the W. M. U. in the sending of boxes to Hospitals, Orphanages, Aged Ministers, and Ministerial Students; in the education of four young women in our Baptist Colleges thus preparing them for lives of service; in the sending of eleven young women to our Training School to prepare them for efficient work on the home or foreign field; and service among our young people is especially shown in the giving of books for foreign missionaries' libraries

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the

Study courses are being carried on as never before by the entire W. M. U. This is specially noted among our Young People's Organizations.

Supplication and Soul-Winning are twin aims, deeply set in the hearts and lives of our women who are longing to see the coming of the Kingdom; to see the Kingdom made ready for the return of the King.

This report sets forth the following recommendations: 1st—That each pastor in our Association be requested to organize in his churches each Branch of the W. M. U. wherever practicable, for the sole purpose of teaching missions

2d—That this Association plan for a missionary Institute embracing three days in which will be taught missions to our women and young people.

MRS. J. A. LEE

Brother J. O. Buckley read the report on Foreign Missions. Brother J. J. Walker read the report on Home Missions. Brother W. W. Kyzer read the report on State Missions. These reported were discussed by J. O. Buckley and J. J. Walker; Pending the discussion of these reports, on motion, recessed until 1 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by Brother C. V. Sutton.

SECOND DAY— AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional song service, prayer by Brother D. M. Lee.

The association was called to order and ready for the transaction of business.

The Foreign, State and Home Mission reports pending were further discussed by Brethren, W. W. Kyzer and J. A. Lee, and pending the motion to adopt, motion was offered to amend and the reports were adopted as amended, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Our State Mission work was divided by the Convention into the same departments as of a year ago and the State Mission Board is charged with the work of launching all denominational programs ordered by the Convention, with the 75 Million Campaign occupying the chiefest place because all the other work is dependent upon the success of the campaign.

The State Mission work this year was laid out on a basis of \$129,000. We found, however, in making appropriations that this amount was somewhat exceeded. The divisions of the work are as follows:

CHURCH EXTENSION. We are assisting 154 churches to pay their pastors and in the building of 31 houses of worship. For church buildings \$19,857.74 has been appropriated; for pastoral support \$36,667. Some of these churches were blown away by cyclones; some were destroyed by fire. It has been gratifying to see with what determination some of these churches which are being helped have raised money and have rebuilt. The grace of giving is manifesting itself in the lives of the membership.

II. ENLISTMENT AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION WORK. We have had in the field this year six general enlistment men, one in each of the six districts. We have elected during the year twenty-one missionaries. However at present there are only fifteen, some having taken up pastoral work and one having gone as a missionary to South America. Some of these missionaries who have become pastors of groups of churches are still showing their missionary zeal, as they are going here and there preaching to weak churches. The Board appropriated for this purpose \$50,000.

III. PREACHER SCHOOLS. Instead of following the previous plan of holding six midwinter preacher schools, we adopted the county plan of holding three-day Bible institutes. This plan has proven to be much more satisfactory than the old plan, due to the fact that the schools were brought nearer to the people. There were 26 of these schools conducted. The pastors of the state and a few pastors and teachers outside of the state gave their services, the Board paying only expenses. In addition to this the Board paid the railroad fare and the expenses of 23 fourth-time preachers for 24 days in the Baptist Bible Institute. The results of all of this work have been very gratifying. The teaching idea is taking hold of our people. The Word of God is the text book.

IV. EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN. The results of the evangelistic campaign this year have been exceedingly gratifying. We believe that this is partly due to the School of Evangelism, which was held in Mississippi College for a period of 4 days, from May 29 to June 2. There were 175 preachers enrolled in this school. Many brethren who attended said that no meeting or convention had ever been equal to it. We trust that next year there shall be at least pastors present. Drs. Carver, Denham, Dodd and Hamilton were the speakers. Of the 1600 churches in Mississippi, we have listed for evangelistic meetings 1237. It should be remembered also that many of the town and city churches held their meetings before enrollment cards were sent out. Up to August 10, 4,735 additions had been reported. This breaks all previous records.

V. SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U. WORK. An appropriation of \$13,600 was set aside for regular Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work for this year. The Sunday School Board furnishes

\$3,600 of this amount. The sum of \$750 was set apart for special BYPU work during the summer months, Brother Wilds, Secretary of the BYPU Work employing two assistants. The Sunday School Board pays half of their salaries. Brother Byrd has a number of workers assisting him in county Sunday Schools normals and the Sunday School Board pays half of this. From July 1, 1920 to July 1, 1921 there were delivered 1178 diplomas, 250 red seals; 146 blue seals; 21 post-graduate diplomas; 10 gold seals. From January 1st of this year to July 1st, we have given a sum total of 2,327 awards in all the books. For the month of July this year 274 diplomas were awarded, 30 red seals 8 blue seals and 7 post-graduate. Total diplomas in Mississippi up to date 6,579; total awards 590. Mississippi led every state in the South in diplomas during July. There have been 40 professions of faith in the Sunday School work during the year where Brother Byrd has assisted.

We have the following BYPU report:

A B. Y. P. U. district convention held in each of the six districts. The attendance for the six numbered 1,000. Half of this number had never been in a convention. 125 BYPU's sent representatives, these coming from 56 counties. Permanent organizations were formed in each district. Last year there were 250 unions reported in the state; now, there are 450. More than 1,000 awards have been given this year in Mississippi for completion of some of the books in the BYPU study course. There are 35 A-1 unions; half a dozen unions are 100 per cent in Bible readings; more than 20 are 100 per cent in giving.

VI. W. M. U. WORK. There are 706 missionary societies, 433 auxiliaries. Of these there are 99 new W. M. S.'s and 178 auxiliaries. 955 W. M. S. mission study certificates have been given out and 444 auxiliary mission study certificates. The gifts of the W. M. U. (exclusive of the 75 Million Campaign gifts) total \$57,948.57.

VII. PUBLICATIONS. The circulation of the Baptist Record at present is between 12,000 and 13,000. A campaign is on to run the subscription list to 20,000. Many churches have put it into the homes of all of its members during the past year. The Baptist Book store is another agency under the head of publications which is striving to give to our people the choicest reading matter. In addition to the above, we have distributed many, many thousands of tracts along all lines of our denominational work. The Circulating Library is already reaching many readers. People have been very generous in contributing books and money to this cause.

VIII. 75 MILLION CAMPAIGN. The receipts from the campaign from Aug. 1, 1920 to Aug 1, 1921, were \$485,388.41, distributed as follows:

Foreign Missions	\$123,774.04
Home Missions	77,662.15
State Missions	92,223.80
General Objects	8,736.99
Ministerial Relief	6,795.44
Orphanage	14,561.65
Hospitals	25,725.59
Southwide Objects	19,415.53
Christian Education	\$116,493.22

The above amounts include \$4,371.52 which was discount on Liberty Bonds and is not a part of the expense. With this discount eliminated from the expense we find that the whole campaign ex-

pense, including office and office force expense, editor's salary, etc. is right at 5 per cent. This could be greatly reduced if all churches would pay pledges promptly and avoid the necessity of collection campaigns.

IX. RECOMMENDATIONS. We offer the following recommendations:

1. That the most vigorous campaign in the history of our denomination be put on by the churches during the months of October and November for the collection of outstanding pledges.

2. That our churches put forth their best effort to enlist every Baptist family in subscribing and reading the Baptist Record.

3. That all of our churches do their best to become self-supporting in order that the weakest may be helped.

4. That each association accept its quota of tithers consisting of one sixth of its membership, and that churches do their utmost to enlist that proportion during the tithing campaign in November. Our righteousness should be at least equal to that of the Scribes and Pharisees in giving.

5. That the Executive Committee of no association approve any application to the State Board for help until an every-member canvass of its membership shall have been made.

6. That all of the churches strive to unite all of their forces in carrying out a uniform denominational program such as will include all of the causes fostered until we shall have attained unto that goal which our Master set for us: "That they may be one as we are one." With encouragement from the past and with confidence in the future let us thank God and go forward to take this world for Christ.

J. O. BUCKLY

ASSOCIATIONAL REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Our foreign mission fields to day lie in China, Japan, Africa, South America, Italy and Mexico, and new fields in Europe are being opened up as rapidly as possible.

The uplifting effects of the 75 Million Campaign have been keenly felt in our work in foreign lands. Our great advance here at home has inspired the native churches to efforts like unto our own. Every field is pressing its great campaign with fine success. The per capita gifts of our foreign field last year amounted to a little more than five dollars per member; whereas they amounted in this association to ----- dollars per member.

The number of baptisms on the foreign fields this past year was 6,998. We now have 611 churches of which 187, or nearly one third are self-supporting. 347 of these own their own houses of worship 405 foreign missionaries are now under appointment. 72 were sent out during the past year and 52 have just sailed this past August.

978 native workers are employed. These workers are never received by our Board until they are thoroughly tested.

We have 21 foreign mission physicians and 8 foreign mission nurses. These last year treated 154,070 cases. This is a remarkable record in view of the fact that several of these doctors are new on the field and several of the older physicians were on furlough during most of the year.

Our 632 schools are crowded with 22,866 students. Of these 284 are theological students. This represents an increase over last

year of 68 schools and 4,352 students. These schools throb with life and possibilities. The graduating class in one young woman's school in China consisted of twelve members, and seven of them were called by the Lord into mission service. Have we a school in America with so great a percentage of missionaries in one class?

The receipts of the Foreign Mission Board for the year ending May 4, 1921, were \$2,432,423.84.

At the meeting of the Foreign Mission Board held June 8-9, 1921, our last 52 missionaries were appointed for work abroad. This was a happy and inspiring occasion. But underneath the joy ran an undercurrent of sorrow, due to the fact that the number set apart was very far below the number urgently needed this year. Two years of the 75 Million Campaign have past. The Board has been able to send out only about half the number it had estimated it should send out during that time. This fact should cause great searching of heart on the part of our people. Where are the reapers? We must give ourselves earnestly to prayer for the desperately needed workers. Of course we must meet fully our pledges in money. We must do at least that much. But over and above our money we must give our sons and our daughters to bear the message of love and salvation to the lost of the earth. Give both the money and the messengers. "How shall they hear without a preachers and how shall they preach unless they be sent?"

RECOMMENDATIONS: Your committee recommends first that this Association pledge itself with such fervor to our 75 Million Campaign that we shall meet our obligations to our Lord's Cause in the foreign field.

2nd. This Association shall pledge itself to earnestly pray that God may call from within our bounds some workers for His Vineyard this coming year.

3rd. That we further pledge ourselves to make an earnest study of the work on our foreign fields until a thorough knowledge of needs will bring a full realization into our hearts and lives of the meaning of the Great Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. BUCKLY

ASSOCIATIONAL REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board is the only great inter-state missionary organization of Southern Baptists. Its work is largely co-operative in connection with various State Mission agencies. It thus forms a bond of union and has probably been the greatest force among Southern Baptists for the unification of our denomination.

Through this agency Southern Baptists in the largest way make it possible for the strong to help the weak. The principle work of the Board is, therefore, in the weaker States of the Mississippi Valley and the Western States of our territory. Yet the changes in our industrial and business life, and in the cities and country-side of the older States are so great that increasing attention must be given to the needs in the older sections.

The problem in the cities of the South is growing acute in many places like Birmingham, St. Louis, New Orleans and Memphis. The Home Mission Board is helping to solve this problem and to meet the demands as rapidly as funds will justify.

Evangelistic campaigns by the Evangelistic Department of the Home Mission Board are proving to be a mighty factor in the evangelization of the cities.

An opposite problem is presented in the changing conditions of country life, where we must go with greater forces of men and money. In the country lies the greatest numerical strength of Baptists and yet there is found our greatest weakness of efficiency.

Through the missionary and enlistment forces of the Home Mission Board much is being done to conserve our vast host of country Baptists and to enlist them in our denominational work.

The Board has just closed the most remarkable year of its history both in the amount of funds received and in the results accomplished as was shown in the Board's report to the Southern Baptist Convention in Chattanooga in May.

At an annual meeting of the Board in June 1920, the work was laid out on a basis of 100 per cent greater than that of any previous year. The calls were so numerous and compelling, fields so white unto harvest, and the spirit of the brotherhood so optimistic in view of our great success in the 75-Million Campaign, that the Board by the urgent advice of the various State Mission Secretaries, was emboldened to project its work on a new and vastly enlarged scale.

At that time cotton was forty cents a pound. The prices dropped so suddenly and drastically that during half the year cotton was only about ten cents. This brought a serious financial situation with the Board. Heavy obligations had been assumed which could not be cast off. The Board retrenched where it was possible, but in spite of this had to report a debt of \$727,622.00. Consequently for the new year they have had to retrench very materially in order to take care of the indebtedness as well as the current expense.

The Board needs immediate help in order to maintain its credit at the banks, to meet the current expense, and lessen the burdensome debt.

Let us conclude this report with a brief statement of results of the year's work which are truly inspiring:

In the Evangelistic Department there were 15,567 baptisms, 22,689 additions to the churches. Since the Department of Evangelism was organized in 1907 there have been baptized 124,103 converts with a total of additions to the churches of 169,102 members; and 17,611 volunteers for the ministry and mission work. A great record, indeed.

Among the Foreigners, Indians and Negroes there were 2,157 baptisms and 3,208 additions to the churches; in Cuba and Panama 178 additions to the churches, the contributions of the native churches \$11,849.

In Co-operative Missions there were 25,532 baptisms, additions 50,307. We had eighty Enlistment workers who rendered 5,336 weeks of service; in our Sanatorium for the sufferers of the great White Plague there were 298 patients treated and we have a property worth \$400,000; in the work among the Soldiers and seamen there were 2,331 professions of faith and at our Seamen's Institute Jacksonville Florida, the boys from the seas wrote home 6,049 letters; in thirty-seven Mountain Schools 6,183 conversions and we have property valued at \$1,688,000; in Church Extension the Board added 824 churches with loans or gifts and there were 1,084 others asking aid which could not be helped; in the Publicity Department the Board distributed 5,641,000 tracts and sent forth thousands of copies of various books.

The above sets forth briefly some of the inspiring accomplishments of our Home Mission Board and attests the efficiency of this great agency in helping to make the South Christian and Baptist and through it to bring the same blessing to the whole world.

We recommend that earnest prayer be offered constantly for our great Home Mission work and that the churches immediately come to the help of the Board with contributions in order that the glorious work may be carried forward and the Board may soon be relieved from its burdensome debt.

Respectfully submitted,
J. O. BUCKLEY

AMENDED REPORT ON MISSIONS

We recommend and urge that each church in this Association make an every-member canvass in the next two months for a payment on the 75 Million pledge, and a cash contribution from those who have not subscribed this to be done by the committee now acting, or a committee to be appointed for the purpose.

Brother Solon Walker read the report on Nominations; on motion the report was adopted as follows:

NOMINATIONS

We your committee on nominations submit the following report:

We recommend that the following brethren write on the following subjects: Missions Rev. J. A. Lee; Religious literature, L. C. Burkett; Denominational Schools, I. N. Bush; Ministerial Relief, J. H. Fortenberry; Hospitals, J. Herbert Fortenberry; Woman's work, Miss Edith Bush; B. Y. P. U. Work, W. W. Lee Jr.; Sunday School Work, E. E. Polk; Orphanage, J. W. Stamps; Church Discipline, S. T. Hood; Laymen's Work, R. B. Dale; Ministerial Education, E. M. Worthy; Temperance and Social Evil, Rev. J. O. Buckley; Stewardship, Rev. B. E. Berry.

We recommend that the Association meet with Hebron Church on Friday after 4th Sunday in Sept. 1922. We recommend that Rev. J. O. Buckley preach the Associational sermon.

We recommend that the Association meet with Hebron Church in the Southern Baptist Convention and J. W. Burrow alternate. We further recommend that the churches of this Association defray his expenses, such money to be contributed not later than April 1, 1922.

We recommend that the executive committee be composed of the following: A. H. Dale, J. W. Burrow, and L. C. Burkett.

Respectful'y submitted,

C. V. SUTTON
J. H. FORTENBERRY
S. S. WALKER

Committee.

Brther J. P. Williams read the report on Prohibition and was discussed by him and J. L. Low; on motion the report was adopted as follows:

Since we have constitutional prohibition the chief thing for us is the enforcement of the law, especially the suppression of illicit distilling. This form of disorder is very prevalent, and fosters evil in many ways, such a waste of money, physical injuries, destruction of conscience, the development of lying, perjury, the reign of lust and destruction of respect for law.

We believe it to be the duty of all citizens to lend their influence to the enforcement of the law. We commend the efforts of the sheriff of this County toward the suppression of this evil, and pledge our cordial support of their activities until this curse is removed from our midst.

Brother J. H. Fortenberry read the report on Ministerial Education and it was discussed by him and W. W. Kyzer; on motion the report was adopted as follows:

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

When Jehovah calls men to preach he also calls them to prepare to preach. It is the duty then of men that are called by Him to spend their lives impressing the teachings and principles of Christianity. There was never a time in all the history of the world when our churches needed strong, intelligent, brave ministers than now, as all kinds of isms are stalking through the land weakening and shaking the faith of many of our people. With these different isms confronting us new responsibilities are upon the churches which they cannot ignore or escape. They must be met; and they can only be met by and educated, intelligent ministry.

The Past Session

Mississippi Baptists now have 87 ministerial students in Mississippi College, 35 in Clark College, 19 in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., 11 in the Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas and 16 in the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans, which totals 168 ministerial students in training. Seventy-four of the 168 are receiving financial aid.

During our Seventy five million Campaign, there was such stress laid on calling out the called, and the many appeals and prayers to that end were richly rewarded. Scores in our own state answered the call, and are now in some College or seminary, being trained for the King's work.

We had hoped that the seventy-five million Campaign, would enable the board of ministerial Education to pay all old debts, and furnish ample funds with which to aid the young preachers who might need help. But from the present indication, we will not have the funds with which to meet the demands. There are two reasons why this situation exists. First, the slowness of all of our churches in paying their Seventy five Million pledges, and second, there has not been allowed the Bd. of Min Education money to meet the demand, even if all were to pay up promptly. So the Board will be forced to borrow more money, or let many of our preachers leave school before the session closes.

In the last meeting of the board of trustees of Clarke College they voted to give to build ministerial Education, 3 acres of land on which to build ministerial cottages and asked that a committee be appointed from the Board of Ministerial Education to co-operate with them in deciding on some uniform pattern for said cottages.

Quite a number of our young preachers have been turned away from both colleges because we had no place for their families to live. There are great needs of additional cottages at both Newton and Clinton for our preachers.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. FORTENBERRY

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U. WORK

An efficient church member is a member who zealously (1) attends all services of his church; (2) prays both in private and public; (3) reads his Bible; (4) puts into the Lord's treasury at least one tenth of what the Lord puts into his treasury; (5) is hospitable and cordial; (6) is willing to teach a Sunday School Class, lead the meeting or serve on a committee if called on; (7) concerns himself about the lost, and is interested in the training and development of the saved.

The efficient BYPU Discovers, Develops and Delivers to the church just such members; therefore the need not only of a BYPU in every church but an efficient BYPU in every church.

Our program is therefore two-fold:

1. To organize as many BYPU's as possible.
2. To develop the union to the point of efficiency, the first step being to teach the union the BYPU Manual.

Our Plan is —

1. To organize every county and have an annual County BYPU Convention. Divide the county into two or more groups of churches with a vice president of the convention in each group whose job it shall be to organize a BYPU in every church in his group, and to see that the manual is taught to each union organized.

2. To hold in each of the six Missionary Districts of the state an annual District BYPU Convention. In June this year these six district conventions were held for the first time resulting in a total attendance of 1000, half of whom had never before been in a convention. 125 BYPU's sent representatives from 56 counties. Permanent organizations were formed in each district with necessary officers to promote the work. These organizations will be a great asset to the BYPU work of our state and already the effect is being felt, more counties are being organized and consequently more BYPU's.

Our Progress — 100 per cent increase:

Last year about 250 unions were reported in the state. About 200 unions have been organized during the year which gives us a total of 450 with perhaps enough unreported to bring the number to 500. We ought to have 750 to report by the closing of another year, and with the county and district organizations operating, it can and it will be done.

Awards in Study Course Books —

We find the BYPU's more in earnest than ever before, and they are studying our BYPU Study Course Books. We have in the course for seniors, The New BYPU Manual, Training in Church Membership, Training in the Baptist Spirit, Training in Christian Service, and Training in Stewardship. For Juniors, The Junior Manual, and Study for Service. (More than 1000 awards have been given this year in Mississippi for the completion of some one of these books.

A-1 Unions —

Our list of A-1 Unions is growing, reaching thirty five during the year, about equally divided between juniors and seniors. We

have about half a dozen unions 100 per cent in Bible Readings and twenty of more 100 per cent in giving.

Our Summer Work.—

We have had during the summer months two extra BYPU workers who have been teaching the two Manuals and organizing BYPU's. These two workers have done excellent work. The plan of operation has been to hold three-day institutes in churches, teaching B. Y. P. U. Methods.

For Information— Any BYPU can and ought to write to our State Secretary, Mr. Auber J. Wilds, Oxford, Miss.

Respectfully submitted,
E. R. BROOM

After announcements, on motion adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Brother Solon Walker.

THIRD DAY— MORNING SESSION

Devotional song service, and by request Brother W. W. Kyzer conducted the devotional exercises, reading for the morning lesson some verses from the 12th Chapter of First Corinthians. Prayer by Brother A. H. Dale.

The association was called to order and ready for the transaction of business.

Brother J. J. Walker read the report on Hospitals and was discussed by him and W. W. Kyzer; on motion the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITALS

As Baptists we were slow in seeing the great opportunities there are in spreading the gospel of our Lord and Master thru the medium of hospitals. However in recent years we have come to see these and have been using them to the glory of God.

Mississippi Baptists are directly interested in two of these institutions, namely, the Baptist Memorial Hospital, located in Memphis Tenn., and the Mississippi Baptist Hospital, located in Jackson, Miss. During the first six months of 1921 the Memorial Hospital of Memphis, Tenn., treated 3836 patients, 444 of these were treated free. In the Mississippi Baptist Hospital from August 1, 1920 to August 1, 1921, there were 1,107 patients treated, 161 of these were treated free. In each of these hospitals there is a Nurses' training school for young ladies to take training to become a nurse. During the past year twenty two graduated from these schools.

Each of these hospitals are in need of more money for improvement and to enable them to do more charity work. This money is to come to them through the seventy five million campaign fund. Let us be true to our Lord and these institutions by paying our pledges.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

The literature of a people has always largely determined the character of that people. The world's progress in the sciences and

in the arts has been mainly due to the powerful influence of the printed page. Just as people are influenced in their secular lives by what they read, they can be swayed and blessed in their religious lives by the reading of religious literature.

We commend our forces for the wise use they have made of the printing press. In order to further strengthen them we must continue to uphold our publishing houses and our religious periodicals.

We, therefore recommend:

1. That the Baptist Record be placed in every home in our churches and that it not only be taken, but that it be read and studied. It is our publication, owned and operated by our denomination. Its editor has shown remarkable ability in giving us a paper so full of the best for our people and in maintaining the several departments so vital to the furthering of our denominational work.

2. We commend our Baptist Book Store at Jackson and call on our people to use it in choosing the best books for the home.

3. We highly commend Home and Foreign Fields and Royal Service, the BYPU Manual and quarterlies.

4. We urge that every pastor in our Association continue his best efforts to put these publications into the homes of every Baptist family in our Association.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. L. MARTIN

Brother J. M. Fortenberry read the report on Orphanages and it was discussed by him. On motion the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

We rejoice in the good report from our orphanage at Jackson, Miss. It is now in its 25th year and has cared for, during this time, about one thousand children, many of whom have grown into manhood and womanhood and are now filling places of usefulness in homes of their own, many of them, in offices, hospitals, machine shops, on the farm, and in almost all the vocations of life.

We learn from our superintendent that the health of the children is fine. They have not had a death from sickness in four years and are caring for an average of 150 children all the while. These children are gathered up here and there from the most hopeless and unpromising surroundings and doctored up and fed up and trained up into useful men and women.

The boys are trained in agriculture, stock raising, dairying, truck growing, carpentry, and machinery. The girls are trained in the art of cooking, sewing, washing, ironing, fancy work, and general house keeping.

All the children of the orphanage have the advantage of a good school for eight months in the year under efficient teachers and attend Sunday School and preaching every Sunday, and those who are Christians are trained in Christian work in their own senior and junior BYPU's and altogether our children at the orphanage are being splendidly fitted for useful Christian citizenship.

We commend our orphanage and its splendid work to the hearts and benevolence of all our people and urge that during the month of November we send to the orphanage from farms and stores, corn, peas, molasses, canned goods of all kinds, clothing, stationary, pen-

cils, tablets, pins, needles, combs, soap, towels, sheets, pillow cases and anything that is needed in the ordinary home.

We learn also from our superintendent that our orphanage is in good financial condition and our children will continue to be amply provided for if our people will pay up their pledges to the 75 Million Campaign, but will suffer in proportion as we fail.

We urge most strongly that our people make it a point to pay their pledge to the campaign and let the orphanage and all the work of the kingdom go forward to the good of humanity and the glory of our Master.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. DANIEL

On motion, further business of the association was suspended to listen to the preaching of a sermon by W. W. Kyzer, the text used being the 18th verse of 2nd Peter.

Prayer by Brother D. M. Lee.

After announcements, on motion recessed until 1 o'clock P.

M. Prayer by Brother A. D. Muse.

THRD DAY— AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional song service, prayer, Brother H. C. Stringer.

The association was called to order and read yfor the transaction of business,

Brother J. H. Fortenberry read the report on Sunday School and it was discussed by him, H. C. Stringer, C. V. Sutton and W. W. Kyzer; on motion the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

It is with much pleasure that we call your attention to the great work that has been done through our many Sunday School agencies, since last we met. This great work has been accomplished, largely through the untiring work of Bro. J. E. Byrd, our efficient S. S. Secretary.

Work Done— There has been given, five hundred and seventy five diplomas, 163 Red seals, 66 Blue Seals, 7 Post Graduate Diplomas, and 6 Gold Seals.

Mississippi stands 7th in A-1 Sunday Schools, and to my way of thinking this is a worthy showing of work done.

Some Agencies Employed— 1. County Normals: No better work has ever been undertaken by our S. S. board than the county normal work. It has long since paseed the experiment age and has now become a very necessary agency in reaching and he'ping our country Sunday Schools. The need for a State Normal is far greater in the country than in towns, and we urge that our board in Nashville continue its co-operation with our State Board till every county in every state has a County Normal every year.

2. Summer Assemblies. These Assemblies, such as we have at Blue Mountain and at Hattiesburg every summer are of great value

to all who attend, both from an educational and a nevangalistic standpoint.

These assemblies should be better attended by all classes and ages, for we have talent in the teaching forces to meet every need.

3. Sunday School and BYPU State Conventions. These two conventions meeting jointly, are great assets in successfully carrying out our Sunday work. They have become the most inspiring meetings that we have and we should see to it that they are well attended.

The one at Lauler in March was attended with something like a thousand young people, and the one to meet next March at Meridian we are expecting yet greater things.

4. Recommendations: 1. That every county in the state be asked to establish and maintain a County Normal and that our State Board be asked to help in this work.

2. That every Sunday School and BYPU organization in the state be asked to send a messenger to represent them in the next State Sunday School and BYPU Convention which meets at Meridian in March 1922.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. LEE.

On motion, the treasurer of this association, be and he is hereby authorized to pay to the W. M. U. the sum of twenty dollars to pay part of their current expenses.

On motion the clerk of this association was appointed to prepare or either to purchase a chart or blackboard to be used in this association.

J. H. Johnston read the report on finance, on motion the report was adopted as follows:

We, your committee on finance, beg leave to make the following report:

We have received from the various churches of this association during this session, the following amount, viz:
For minutes and other expenses— \$84.79.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. JOHNSTON, Chairman.

Brother L. C. Burkett read the Treas., report, and on motion the report was adopted as follows:

Whereas it has been the custom of this association to read all the associational church letters, and, whereas the association deems it best to dispense with the reading of these letters; therefore, Be it Resolved, that the reading of the letters be and the same are hereafter dispensed with unless otherwise ordered.

In motion, the treasurer of this association is hereby authorized and directed to pay to our State secretary all funds that may be in his possession after the expenses of the association are paid.

On motion, the treasurer of this Association be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to our State secretary all funds in his possession belonging to the various institutions fostered by our State Baptist Convention.

On motion, resolved that the thanks of this association be and the same are hereby tendered to the members of this church, and to the good people of this community for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this association.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Hebron Church, two miles east of Newhebron, and twelve north of Prentiss, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1922, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Closing prayer by W. W. Kyzer.

A. H. ~~Dick~~ Moderator, Newhebron, Miss.
J. W. BURROW, Prentiss, Miss.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCH	PRESIDENT	ADDRESS	No. Members	Ave. attendance	No. Systematic Givers.
Antioch	Mrs. Zúdie Turnage	Prentiss, Miss.	7	4	7
Bassfield		Bassfield, Miss.	19	12	9
Bethany		Prentiss, Miss.			
Carson		Carson, Miss.	20	10	
Ebenezer	Miss Florence McNeese	Bassfield, Miss.	34	21	
Hathorn					
Hebron	Mrs. S. B. Bishop	New Hebron, Miss.			
Hepsibah	Mrs. N. O. Brown	Oakvale, Miss.			
Oak Grove	Mrs. Marion Brady	Prentiss, Miss.	20	15	
Phaltie	Mrs. Mary Thompson	Mt. Olive, Miss.			
Prentiss	Mrs. J. A. Lee	Prentiss, Miss.			
Society Hill	Mrs. Delia Williams	Oakvale, Miss.	20	14	
Victory	Mrs. S. L. Salters	Bassfield, Miss.	14	8	
Whitesand	Mrs. R. B. Dale	Prentiss, Miss.	68	36	

B. Y. P. U. STATISTICS

CHURCH	PRESIDENT	ADDRESS	No. Members	Ave. attendance	Systematic Givers
Bassfield	Mrs. R. C. Puckett	Bassfield	65	37	4
Bethany	Rex Burrow	Prentiss, Miss.	26		
Ebenezer	Allie Hatton.	Bassfield, Miss.	22	15	16
Hebron	Roy Berry	New Hebron, Miss.	40	30	
Hipsibah	Oliver Chance	Oakvale, Miss.	33		
Phaltie	R. E. Polk	Mt. Olive, Miss.	30	30	
Prentiss	Mrs. J. S. Williams	Prentiss, Miss.	12	6	4
Prentiss, Jrs.	Mrs. J. S. Dale	Prentiss, Miss.	16	10	

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT		No. Officers and teachers	No. Pupils	Ave. Attendance	Officers and teachers with Diplomas	No. Baptisms
Antioch	W. J. Barnes	Prentiss	4	28	20		3
Bassfield	J. P. Dear	Bossfield	9	100	70		2
Bethany	Jessie Chance	Silver Creek	6				7
Carson	W. H. Izard	Carson	6	29		2	
Ebenezer	S. T. Hood	Columbia	8	72	45	3	4
Halhorn	O. H. Tolor	Goss, Miss.	10	60	25	1	4
Hebron	W. C. Hutchins	New Hebron	4	26	50	6	
Hepsibah	P. G. Daniel	Arm. Miss.	6	75	40		3
Oak Grove	A. M. Cole	Silver Creek	6	50	50		
Phaltie	W. D. Griffith	Mt. Olive	9		110	7	12
Prentiss	C. E. Thompson	Prentiss	10	170	37		4
Society Hill	R. C. Polk	Oakvale	7	85			5
Victory	J. C. Coulter	Bassfield	8	52	90		6
Whitesand	T. F. Lee	New Hebron	10	125			

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH	No. members	PASTOR	ADDRESS	CLERK	ADDRESS
Antioch	129	B. E. Berry	Clinton, Miss.	Frank Sinclair	Prentiss
Bassfield	169	J. L. Lowe	Richton	C. H. Applewhite	Bassfield
Bethany	196	J. O. Buckley	Prentiss	W. H. Stamps	Prentiss
Carson	140	A. D. Muss	Clinton	A. E. Nelson	Carson
Ebenezer	227	J. B. Polk	Clinton	L. B. Thompson	Bassfield
Hathorn	122	R. E. Phillips	New Hebron	W. R. Dale	Goss
Hebron	261	J. P. Williams	Mendenhall	E. H. Walker	New Hebron
Hepsibah	252	J. O. Buckley	Prentiss	J. L. Spangler	Arm
Oak Grove	91	C. W. Black	Silver Creek	H. T. Griffith	Whitesand
Phalite	126	J. A. Lee	Prentiss	H. D. Booth	Mt. Olive
Prentiss	221	J. A. Lee	Prentiss	Ernest Daniels	Prentiss
Society Hill	216	J. O. Buckley	Prentiss	H. C. Willie	Oakvale
Victory	122	J. L. Watt	Columbia	J. P. Warren	Bassfield
Whitesand	217	J. O. Buckley	Prentiss	D. W. Weatherby	Silver Creek

